(b) The Central Government in June, 1987 have extended the jurisdiction of the C.V.C. to Multi State Cooperative societies including NCCF. The Chief Vigilance Officer has been appointed according to the prescribed procedures by the Competent Authority.

(c) No complaint has come to the notice of Government about the alleged misuse of official position. He has been appointed from the Central Services on deputation basis and provision of residential accommodation on a monthly rental of Rs. 2700/- is part of the normal terms and conditions of his appointment.

(d) Does not arise.

Medical leave to officials of NCCF

1131. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the replies to Unstarred Question 2987 and 3168 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th August, 1988 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the so-called medical grounds were more predominant before the transfer to involved Regional Manager to Ahmedabad;

(b) what action has been taken so far of the basis of the inquiry conducted in March, 1987; and

(c) what are the considerations for posting an officer with such a record at a prized station ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA) : (a) The officer met with an accident in May, 1986 sustaining serious head injuries before he was transferred from the post of Regional Manager (West), Bombay to Ahmedabad as Branch Manager in April, 1987. However, on his representation, it was later realised that he could not get the required treatment at Ahmedabad and hence on compassionate ground he was given posting to Bombay as Branch Manager to work under the Regional Manager (West) in April, 1988 in order to be able to avail of the treatment.

(b) The Fact Finding Inquiry conducted in March, 1987 showed that the concerned officer has not exercised the due supervision expected of the Regional Manager in the operations of Rabi Procurement at Akola Depot in the Western Region. Hence, it was thought that he should be transferred. No further action is contemplated against him.

(c) The consideration for reposting the officer at Bombay has been replied above. There is no such thing as one station being prized as against the others as far as the operations of the NCCF are concerned. It may be clarified that the Branch Manager, Patna, referred to in the Unstarred Question No. 3168 answered on 19th August, 1988 in the Rajya Sabha, is a different officer.

Audit report of NCCF

1132. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in Hindustan Times dated 8th September, 1988 under the caption 'bungling in consumer federation;

(b) whether it is a fact that though the validity of statutory auditors of NCCF for the year 1986-87 expired on 30th September, 1987 the audit report dated 15th February, 1988 for 1986-87 was unauthorisedly placed before the General Body meeting held on 26th February, 1988; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken/proposed to be taken by Government for un-authorisedly placing the audit report before the General Body meeting, illegal payments of about Rs. 2 lakh to the statutory auditors and for by-passing the requirements of law for a minimum of

21 days clear notice along with the audit report and compliance report for holding the General Body meeting ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Statutory Auditors are and were appointed for completing audit and rendering audit report for one accounting year, which in this case 1986-87. Although while appointing them they were requested to finalise the audit and issue report by 30th September, 1987, their completing the job and submitting the report by 15-2-1988 does not make the audit or the report unauthorised.

(c) Notice for holding Annual General Body Meeting of the NCCF on 26-2-1988 was issued under the signatures of the Managing Director on 3-2-1988. Alongwith the Notice, audited accounts for the year 1984-85 and 1985-86 were sent. The audited accounts for the year 1986-87 could not be sent alongwith the above notice. A remark was given in the index of the enclosure to this effect. Subsequently, after finalisation of the audited accounts for the year 1986-87 on 15-2-1988, copies of the same were sent to the members of the General Body alongwith the NCCF's letter dated 18-2-1988. The audited accounts for the three years were considered by the Annual General Body and were passed. Apparently, there was no irregularity in the matter.

Entry of Coca Cola in the country

1133. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Coca-Cola has offered to match the terms on which Pepsi Cola has been permitted to set up food processing project in the country for restarting its operations;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) An application is reported to have been filed on 16-11-1988 with Export Processing Zone, NOIDA. Details are awaited.

News item "Jaanch Karne Walon ki Jaanch Kaise Ho"

1134. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Jaanch Karne Walon Ki Jaanch Kaise Ho" published in the Nav Bharat Times dated 8th May, 1988;

(b) whether it is a fact that two out of the three controversial auditors have been re-appointed by the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies as statutory auditors of NCCF for 1987-88;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these auditors have been appointed as tax auditors also for 1987-88 in NCCF;

(d) if so, for what consideration; and

(e) what were the circumstances for re-appointing the said auditors in NCCF who have been found to have given misleading audit report not conforming to the auditing standards and the rules framed under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of 3 Statutory Auditors for the year 1986-87, 2 had been re-appointed as Statutory Auditors for the year 1987-88 in addition to another firm of Chartered Accountants. No controversy was involved in the matter.